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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Nucleic Acids**
Inventors: Hartley *et al.*
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2. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), executed on behalf of Life Technologies, Inc., with copy of Assignment attached; and
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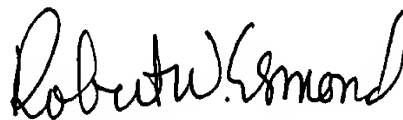
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Respectfully submitted,

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